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## SR-76 Interim Project Olive Hill Road/Camino Del Rey

### ■ Project Goals

- Relieve existing traffic congestion on SR-76 through downtown Bonsall
- Improve efficiency of traffic signals on SR-76 at Olive Hill Road/Camino Del Rey
- Improve motorists and pedestrian safety at the SR-76/Olive Hill Intersection.
- Minimize environmental and community impacts

### ■ The Project

The project proposes to add one additional through lane in each direction on SR-76 at the intersection of Olive Hill Road/Camino Del Rey. This project will also improve signal timing and add dedicated left turn lane movements on Olive Hill and Camino Del Rey. A 220 foot-long retaining wall is proposed along westbound SR-76 west of Olive Hill Road to minimize right of way and environmental impacts.

This project is a direct result of the Value Analysis (VA) Study held in spring 2002 which included local residents, Caltrans, SANDAG, the county of San Diego, the city of Oceanside and Bonsall area sponsor group and local elected officials.

### ■ Environmental Concerns

Any improvements on SR-76 present numerous environmental concerns.

Potential concerns include: impacts to existing and planned residential areas that would be subject to increased noise, neighborhood disruption and change of community character; loss of biological resources including riparian habitat, wetlands, and endangered species; impacts to archaeological sites; floodplain

encroachment; the taking of agricultural land; the use of Section 4(f) resources (public parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges and historic sites eligible for the National Register of Historic Places); potential growth impacts; and visual impacts due to cuts, fills, and structures.

### ■ Status

The SR-76 Interim project is currently in the project development phase.

### ■ Schedule

Environmental studies and the project report are anticipated to begin summer 2002 and be completed by winter 2003. Design is expected to be complete by fall 2004 with construction anticipated to begin spring 2005.

### ■ Funding Sources

The estimated cost of the project is between \$3 and \$5 million. Funding for the project comes from the 1/2 cent TransNet Sales Tax Measure approved by San Diego County voters in November 1987.

### ■ Other Issues

The VA team also identified a second project in the downtown Bonsall area. This second project involves the construction of an access road from Olive Hill Road into the "Bonsall Center" shopping center. The county of San Diego is the lead agency for this project and anticipates beginning preliminary engineering studies by July 2002.